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SUBJECT: SWEDISH INDUSTRY MINISTER LETTER TO SECRETARY RICHARDSON

ON STANSAAB

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 4753, (B) STATE 206394

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF RUNE JOHANSSON LETTER TO SECRETARY RICHARDSON (REF A). IT IS DATED AUGUST 24 SO PRESUMABLY HAS BEEN DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THE TEXT IS QUOTED BELOW:

"DEAR COLLEAGUE, IN MAY THIS YEAR THE SWEDISH COMPANY STANSAAB ELEKTRONIK AB, OF WHICH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS A MAJOR SHARE-HOLDER, APPLIED FOR AN EXPORT LICENCE REGARDING CERTAIN COMPONENTS, PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES, TO BE USED IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS PURCHASED BY V/O ELECTRONORGTECHNICA IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE DELIVERY OF THESE SYSTEMS IS OF VITAL INTEREST NOT ONLY TO STANSAAB BUT ALSO TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SWEDISH COMPUTER INDUSTRY DUE TO STANSAAB'S EXTENSIVE USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE FILFILMENT OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SWEDISH AND SOVIET PARTIES AS PLANNED IS OF GREAT CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANCE TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO

ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFICIENT COMPUTER INDUSTRY.

IN THAT CONTEXT, I WISH TO CONFIRM THE APPRECIATION OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT FOR ANY EFFORTS ON YOUR SIDE FOR THE PROVISION OF THE REQUIRED LICENSES AT AN EARLY DATE."

2. EMBASSY COMMENT ON THE LETTER AND THE STATE OF PLAY IN STANSAAB MATTER WILL FOLLOW. ECON COUNSELOR SEEING WEDDELL OF STANSAAB SEPTEMBER 9 AT LATTER'S INVITATION (REF B).
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